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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Ronald M. BURCH, et al.  
Serial No. 10/057,630  
Filed: January 25, 2002  
For: **ANALGESIC COMBINATION OF OXYCODONE  
AND NIMESULIDE**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 25, 2002

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made to the above-mentioned application:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the **specification** as follows:

At page 13, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 25 as follows:

- - Certain preferred COX-2 inhibitors include celecoxib (SC-58635), 5-bromo-s-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl] thiophene (DUP-697), flosulide (CGP-28238), meloxicam, 6-methoxy-2 naphthylacetic acid (6-MNA), Vioxx (MK-966), nabumetone (prodrug for 6-MNA), nimesulide, N-[2-(cyclohexyloxy)-4-nitrophenyl] methanesulfonamide (NS-398), 1-fluoro-4-[2-[4-methylsulfonyl]phenyl]-1-cyclopenten-1-yl] benzene (SC-5766), 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-1[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl 1H-pyrazole (SC-58215), N-[3-